

GALT TRAFFIC

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IF YOU BELONG IN AVIATION, YOU BELONG IN ONE (OR MORE) OF THESE.



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THE DOOMSDAY NOTAM

By Jeff Hill, Sr.

It began:

!FDC 1/9731 FDC SPECIAL NOTICE - DUE TO EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND FOR REASONS OF SAFETY. ATTENTION ALL AIRCRAFT OPERATORS, BY ORDER OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION COMMAND CENTER, ALL AIRPORTS/AIRDROMES ARE NOT AUTHORIZED FOR LANDING AND TAKEOFF.

This hadn't happened since WW II when GA aircraft were either "drafted" if useful to the Army or rendered un-flyable if not. Part 91 VFR was shut off for over a week, and as this is written, there are still over 41,000 GA aircraft "trapped" at airports located in "enhanced Class B airspace". Other restrictions remain in effect.

And now as the dust begins to settle, *the likelihood of new restrictions being imposed on General Aviation is great.*

If we didn't know it before, we know now that we're definitely at the bottom of the aviation food chain. Lest more General Aviation rights and freedom be stripped away, let's give serious thought to what we all can do to ease our situation. Let us:

Join an aviation organization. Every pilot and aircraft owner should belong to AOPA. It's to us what the NRA is to hunters – what AARP is to seniors. EAA has plenty of clout in Washington, too. By joining an aviation support group, we make it stronger and better able to represent our interests.

Check NOTAMS before each flight, the situation is fluid and we must be vigilant to stay legal.

Fly high. Low flying annoys practically everybody. We rank right up there with motorcycles, snowmobiles and jet skis as perceived pests. I know, you think all those things are cool – but a lot of people don't! A lot of people see them (us) as spoilers and trespassers, maybe even as threats.

Be professional. Just because we don't get paid to fly doesn't mean we're not professionals. Set a good example and when you see a bad one, speak up. Let's be careful with our "war stories" – they're often misinterpreted by non flyers. Let's be professional with ATC, too. If we're uncomfortable working ATC, maybe a little training is in order. *Professionals train regularly.* Why do we think we don't need to train once we've gotten our ratings? (CFIs will be more plentiful in the near future.)

Be Careful! Okay, we're always careful but it's time to redouble our efforts. Always, "the new guys need to be informed and the old guys need to be reminded". Accident reporting most often portrays us as hapless, inexperienced, irresponsible amateurs. Who can blame the public for being receptive to legislation which restricts or eliminates such a "menace" as we?

Share aviation. If aviation has given to you, how about giving something back? Young Eagles. Air Lifeline. "Selling" AOPA, EAA, etc... H.S. career days. \$\$ to a worthy cause. A "wannabe" signed up for lessons. That empty seat to someone who'd love to go. **Lets be goodwill ambassadors for General Aviation at every opportunity.**

**OCTOBER MEETING
YOUNG EAGLES
MEMBERS APPRECIATION DAY
CHILI FEST**

Saturday, October 13th will be a busy day! Here's the schedule:

9:00 AM Chapter Board of Directors Meeting

10:00 AM Regular monthly membership meeting

11 AM – 4 PM Young Eagle Rally This is the last for 2001 but remember, you can set up Young Eagle flights for an individual or a group any time. Call Young Eagles Coordinator Larry Schubert to schedule one.

4 PM - ?? Chili Fest (formerly "Chili Dump") and hay rides. The kids love these!

ALL DAY Members Appreciation Day
Postponed due to the September 11th tragedy, the Members Appreciation Day is rescheduled for today. We want to make sure every member and their family members get a flight. If necessary, because of weather or time constraints, we'll also fly Sunday. We'll have burgers, brats, and dogs available for you to "burn" yourself for lunch and after 4 PM, Chili. Today everything is FREE. It's the Chapters way of saying THANK YOU for helping EAA Chapter 932 have such a successful year – you guys did it!



MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

The highlight of the meeting was treasurer Carla Nusbaum's report on how we did on *Flyers & Tires*. There was much discussion on ideas for next year. We talked about sponsoring one or more young people in an EAA Youth Program or EAA Air Academy. More on this later. Save your Young Eagle Credits when you get them from EAA. We will pool them to help with the Air Academy sponsorships.

Mike LeJeune agreed to help set up a "wingman program" whereby new members are paired with old members who will see that the new member is made to feel welcome, helped to get to know the other members and doesn't get "lost in the shuffle".

We're working on a CPR training session for interested members – stand by on this.

Jeff Hill, Sr. won \$36 in the 50/50 drawing. (The 50/50 raffle has been paying for the Chapter website).

**FLY – IN CALENDAR
OCTOBER 2001**

Selected events within about a 150 mile radius of 10C. Call ahead for additional information, details, changes.

Oct 1-7 Metropolis, IL (M30) 618-524-2440

Superman Jet Rally

Oct 6 Oshkosh, WI (OSH) chapters@eaamail.org

Chapter Leadership Seminar

Oct 6 Percival Springs Watson, IL (1LS6) 217-536-9990

Fly-In and R.C. Airshow

Oct 6-7 Kalamazoo, MI (AZO) 616-382-6555

Free Fall Open House at the Aviation History Museum

Oct 7 Eau Claire, WI (EAU) 715-723-5919

Fly-In Pancake Breakfast 7am-11am

Oct 7 Iola, WI (68C) 920-244-7850

Fall Colors Fly-In Pancake B'fast Chili Lunch 7:30-3

Oct 13 Decatur, IL (DEC) 217-795-2393

Annual Chili Day Fly-In

Oct 13 GALT AIRPORT (10C) 815-648-2433

Chili Fest Young Eagles Members Appreciation Day

Oct 13 Janesville, WI (JVL) 608-373-0904

Fly-In Breakfast and Car Show 8am-Noon

Oct 14 Boscobel, WI (OVS) aharris@wppisys.org

Fly-In Brunch 8am-Noon

Oct 20 Salem, IL (SLO) 618-548-6758

Fly-In Pancake Breakfast

Oct 20-21 Pittsfield, IL (PPQ) 217-285-6027

Pike County Color Drive/Fly-In

Oct 21 East Troy, WI (57C) www.staceyfarms.com

Shuttle to Stacy Farms Many activities for kids

Oct 21 Columbia, IL (H49) 314-487-1489

Sackman Field Annual Open House

Oct 28 Brookfield, WI (02C) 262-781-8132

2nd Annual Pumpkin Drop Lunch 10am-4pm

Nov 1 Springfield, IL (SPI) 217-234-9439

IAAA Fall Convention

FOR EVENT UPDATES CHECK THESE WEBSITES

Illinois: www.state.il.us/aero/index.html

Wisconsin: www.dot.state.wi.us/dtid/boa

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